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(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJECT:KIDNAPPED AMERICAN

REF : A) DAR 2540 B) DAR 2541 C) DAR 2542

1. ASSUMING DEADLINE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL A IS JULY 17,

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BELIEVE ONE OR MORE OF INTERESTED PARTIES, BUT EXCLUDING

EMBASSY, SHOULD RELEASE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY:
QTE WE HAVE READ THE TWO LETTERS, DATED JULY 13 AND
JULY 14, FROM KENNETH STEVEN SMITH, THE REMAINING AMERICAN
STUDENT BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY THE POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY
PARTY (PRP). THE LETTERS STATE THAT A RESPONSE MUST BE
RECEIVED BY JULY 17. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE
LETTERS WERE NOT RECEIVED UNTIL JULY 16, WE URGE THAT THE
PRP EXTEND ITS DEADLINE. UNQTE.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO SUGGESTED LETTER FROM
JOSEPH SMITH TO HIS SON. (DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THIS LETTER
WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC. IF IT WERE, MENTION OF PUBLICITY
COULD BE HARMFUL BY ANTAGONIZING GOZ).

3. SUGGEST FOLLOWING CHANGES IN LETTER:

A. PARA 5, SENTENCE 6 TO READ QTE IF YOU ARE RELEASED
UNHARMED, THEN I AM SURE THAT THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT
WILL ACT FAVORABLY ON PRP PRISONERS. UNQTE.

B. PARA 5, SENTENCE 9 TO READ QTE WE PARENTS HAVE AND
WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN ABOUT THIS, BUT I
THINK IT IS MAINLY BETWEEN THE PRP AND THE TANZANIANS
TO WORK OUT AMONG THEMSELVES. UNQTE.

C. PARA 6, SENTENCE 4 TO READ QTE NOTHING WOULD DO MORE
DAMAGE TO THE PRP CAUSE THAN THEIR HARMING YOU. UNQTE.

4. IN VIEW OF THE EMPHASIS WHICH THE PRP HAS PLACED ON THE
RELEASE OF PRISONERS BY TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT, AND THE FACT
THAT TAN GOV HAS ALREADY INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO
RELEASE THE PRISONERS, ONCE THE REMAINING STUDENT IS
RELEASED, WE THINK THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT COPIES OF
SMITH'S TWO MOST RECENT LETTERS GET TO THE TAN GOV AT
THE HIGHEST LEVEL FEASIBLE.

5. AMBASSADOR SHOULD THEREFORE APPROACH HIGHEST LEVEL
TAN GOV TO DELIVER COPIES OF TWO LETTERS, INDICATE
IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO SAVING SMITH'S LIFE, STRESS MAJOR
RESPONSIBILITY WHICH TAN GOV HAS IN BEING HELPFUL AND
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INDICATE THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHAT THEY ARE
PREPARED TO DO AS CONSEQUENCE OF LETTERS.

6. IN ADDITION AND WITHOUT EMBASSY BECOMING INVOLVED IN
ANY WAY WHATSOEVER WITH TAN GOV, WE SUGGEST THAT
SANFORD REP/PARENTS MAY WISH TO ASK BRYCESON TO DISCUSS
POSSIBILITY WITH TANGOV OF SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE OF
MINIMUM OF TWO PRISONERS FOR SMITH. THIS WOULD AVOID

PUTTING TANGOV IN POSITION OF HAVING TO RETREAT FROM
PREVIOUSLY STATED POSITION OF REFUSAL TO RELEASE
PRISONERS UNTIL SMITH RELEASED. KISSINGER

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